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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.Report for the month of NOVEMBER 1947.Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J.Little), Perth, 30/12/47.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughtering.

POPULATION.

The following populations are now recorded as a preliminary result of the Census taken on the 30th June, 1947 --

State Total: 502,731 -- Comprising 250,303 Males and 244,428 Females.  
(Increase since 1933 Census 63,879).  
Metropolitan Area: 272,586 -- Comprising 131,717 Males and 140,869 Females.  
(Increase since 1933 Census 65,146).

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS -- WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	October		10 Months ended October	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Marriages ... No. *Rate per 1000 of Population	445 10.38	478 11.35	4,348 10.41	4,255 10.34
Births ... No. *Rate per 1000 of Population	1,091 25.44	1,315 31.23	10,890 26.06	9,596 23.32
Deaths ... No. *Rate per 1000 of Population	464 10.82	415 9.85	3,959 9.47	4,047 9.83
Infant Mortality No. " " Rate per 1000 Live Births	32 29.33	33 25.10	334 30.67	314 32.72
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH --</u>				
Tuberculosis	14	8	119	149
Cancer	63	46	409	457
Influenza	-	-	9	14
Diphtheria	-	1	8	11
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	41	37	357	336
Arteriosclerosis	9	24	133	151
Diseases of the Heart	152	112	1,147	1,114
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	38	33	232	283
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	5	-	28	24
Nephritis	17	15	148	144
Diseases of Early Infancy	15	18	166	167
Senility	13	14	108	108
Accidents	28	22	246	253
All Other Causes	69	85	769	836
TOTAL	464	415	3,959	4,047

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.





LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eleven months ended November, totalled 627,373 acres, an increase of 341,258 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 8,310,766 acres, an increase of 6,862,260 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE & EXPENDITURE.

	Month of November		5 Months ended November	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
	£	£	£	£
Revenue .....	1,150,509	890,429	6,144,003	5,317,555
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.5.6d.	£1.15.10.	£12.3.8d.	£10.14.7d.
Expenditure .....	1,475,086	1,161,459	7,021,682	5,947,650
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£2.18.4d.	£2.6.9d.	£13.18.6d.	£12.0.0d.

SAVINGS BANK.

Deposits on the 30th November amounted to £36,213,735 or £71.11.11d. per head of population, as against £37,393,109 or £75.4.1d. per head as at the 30th November last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 26th November, 1947 amounted to £5,046,717 compared with £3,494,412 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds	November		5 Months ended November	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Transfers ... (No.)	1,367	1,364	7,903	8,185
... (£)	622,962	702,903	3,962,490	4,102,333
Mortgages ... (No.)	813	784	4,833	4,664
... (£)	660,689	722,282	4,540,763	3,959,678
Discharges of Mortgages No.	743	759	4,240	4,254

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns.	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
1946 -				
November	1,226,307	1,002,723	1,727,609	186,457
December	922,086	690,278	1,550,072	131,072
1947 -				
January	1,236,382	1,272,141	1,893,777	171,721
February	981,890	1,571,910	2,100,827	130,422
March	1,025,999	1,034,280	1,706,073	148,225
April	1,032,193	904,783	2,181,750	131,075
May	1,133,005	1,172,830	2,513,691	119,906
June	999,553	1,235,966	3,085,537	134,149
July	986,992	890,625	2,815,570	125,720
August	1,181,616	934,743	2,284,635	155,234
September	1,381,485	1,062,710	3,286,715	163,596
October	1,238,310	854,181	2,878,237	156,911
November	1,142,486	796,547	2,541,336	135,913

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and laboratory of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for the purpose of determining the composition of the various samples of the material submitted for analysis. The results of the analysis are given in the following table.

TABLE 1.—Composition of the various samples of the material submitted for analysis.

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COMPANIES REGISTERED.

54 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,328,500 and 24 Foreign Companies were registered during the five months ended November, 1947. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 40 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £473,500 and 26 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	5 Months ended November					
	1947			1946		
	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £
Sequestration Orders	2	1,663	361	8	7,439	2,412
Deeds of Assignment (a)	1	1,804	1,142	3	6,366	4,612
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	October		4 Months ended October	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Gross Earnings (£)	411,800	391,900	1,572,500	1,402,000
Working Expense (£)	450,773	380,524	1,717,663	1,459,617
Train Miles Run	639,717	600,029	2,501,683	2,299,624
Passenger Journeys	1,192,185	1,256,521	4,679,456	4,973,939
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	227,674	198,183	894,387	769,694
Livestock	19,860	19,458	64,373	58,490
Departmental (Free Freight)	51,533	47,679	208,331	196,409
Total	299,067	265,320	1,167,091	1,024,593
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	33,307,382	27,030,632	132,398,374	106,050,536
Livestock	2,322,869	2,250,420	8,438,719	7,447,537
Departmental (Free Freight)	8,169,214	7,782,968	35,372,681	31,921,676
Total	43,799,465	37,064,020	176,209,774	145,419,749





MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1946	536	328	11	422	637	718	16	513
1947 -								
Jan.	111	27	2	52	149	79	2	66
Feb.	95	38	1	65	137	108	1	85
March	84	54	1	67	129	156	1	80
April	63	34	3	34	95	112	3	48
May	83	42	1	36	126	127	2	60
June	83	26	-	32	163	89	-	45
July	142	73	3	41	256	194	5	77
August	115	58	4	41	195	167	8	69
Sept.	133	43	-	47	227	180	1	82
Oct.	145	55	8	64	240	162	9	95
Nov.	68	44	9	46	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGNS.)  
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1946 -								
June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295	31,316	28,147	309	6,794
Dec.	19,770	8,878	243	4,709	31,777	30,096	319	7,324
1947 -								
June	20,522	9,467	255	5,290	32,793	31,382	331	8,196
July	20,210	9,251	255	4,599	31,460	28,627	350	6,641
August	20,471	9,420	244	4,791	32,498	30,881	349	7,159
Sept.	20,739	9,558	244	4,969	33,026	31,668	350	7,476
October	20,980	9,763	251	5,065	33,361	32,164	357	7,725

(3) COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1947 - October	99	404	6	3

T R A D E.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) October, 1947 and 1946 and 4 Months ending October, 1947 and 1946, expressed in terms of Australian Currency.

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	October		4 Months ended October		October		4 Months ended October	
	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
Overseas	1,521	896	4,954	2,843	5,012	1,933	10,646	7,384
Interstate	1,896	1,885	7,949	7,017	253	246	2,422	1,196
Total	3,417	2,781	12,903	9,865	5,265	2,179	13,068	8,580





# BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

## (1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Houses & Other Dwellings (a)		Factories		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
June Qr., 1946	295	271	15	41	35	40	345	352
Sept. Qr., 1946	364	337	14	20	44	59	422	416
Dec. Qr., 1946	451	445	16	16	40	72	507	533
March Qr. 1947	412	423	7	8	50	131	469	562
June Qr. 1947	483	515	8	5	32	35	523	555
Sept. Qr., 1947	670	699	9	17	40	66	719	782

(a) Excluding Owner-Built Dwellings.

## (2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION. (Excluding Owner-Built Homes)

Note: Monthly figures are preliminary only.

Period	Number Completed				
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.	Wood or Mainly Wood	Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement	Other	Total
<u>1946 -</u>					
June Qr.	124	37	68	66	295
Sept. Qr.	144	64	94	62	364
Dec. Qr.	229	38	140	40	447
<u>1947 -</u>					
March Qr.	201	31	139	39	410
June Qr.	259	43	163	15	480
Sept. Qr.	302	77	285	3	667
October - Month	88	28	83	1	200
November	89	37	72	2	200
Total 11 Months	939	216	742	60	1,957

## BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,447,041 lbs. were produced during October, 1947 and 7,780,929 lbs. for the four months ended October, 1947, as against 2,250,903 lbs. and 6,674,551 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

## GOLD PRODUCTION.

	NOVEMBER		11 Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Quantity ... Fine Oz.	58,510	55,167	645,782	555,829
Value (Australian Currency) £	629,710	593,732	6,950,232	5,982,107

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eleven months ended November, 1947 amounted to £567,736. Dividends reported for the corresponding period last year were £500,349.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	November		5 Months ended November	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Food and Groceries -				
Metropolitan Area	1121	1052	1120	1055
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1275	1183	1255	1187
Northam	1148	1066	1144	1070
Bunbury	1132	1050	1127	1053
Geraldton	1154	1076	1151	1079
Collie	1147	1068	1143	1069

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1946 -</u>			
October	98,688	34,660	133,348
November	99,166	34,700	133,866
December	100,130	34,939	135,069
<u>1947 -</u>			
January	100,807	34,392	135,199
February	101,861	34,815	136,676
March	102,999	35,339	138,338
April	102,697	35,266	137,963
May	103,356	35,479	138,835
June	103,935	35,542	139,477
July	104,271	35,640	139,911
August	104,124	35,816	139,940
September	105,208	35,888	141,096
October	105,646	35,924	141,570

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES..

	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employ- ees = 1000))				
	1943	1944	1945	1946(a)	1947(a)	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	128	137	142	145	162	865	826	870	995	1134
February	130	138	142	148	163	861	824	868	1016	1138
March	132	139	144	151	163	846	825	877	1045	1145
April	134	139	144	153	162	835	827	876	1051	1144
May	131	140	144	154	164	836	832	891	1069	1151
June	135	139	145	154	165	835	829	903	1087	1153
July	136	140	146	156(a)	165	828	832	899	1096	1168
August	136	140	145	157	166	814	832	897	1109	1181
September	137	140	143	158	168	806	834	914	1114	1172
October	138	140	141	161	167	801	837	929	1118	1184
November	136	141	141	160		814	851	965	1133	
December	137	142	145	161		840	886	1012	1165	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1946 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.





UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

Month	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons.
1946 -									
September	586	12	598	655	25	680	1,174	29	1,203
October	375	10	385	554	13	567	995	26	1,021
November	5,660	722	6,382	5,376	710	6,086	1,279	38	1,317
December	448	18	466	541	21	562	1,186	35	1,221
1947 -									
January	483	8	491	668	17	685	1,001	26	1,027
February	396	12	408	559	15	574	838	23	861
March	459	13	472	549	13	562	748	23	771
April	342	3	345	314	8	322	776	18	794
May	454	11	465	481	15	496	749	14	763
June	347	10	357	352	7	359	744	17	761
July (a)	404	12	416	366	14	380	782	15	797
August (a)	355	10	365	538	10	548	599	15	614
Sept. (a)	181	5	186	286	5	291	494	15	509

(a) Subject to Revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	NOVEMBER		5 Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Units Generated (1000 KWH.)	17,624	9,262	94,409	80,954
Units Sold (1000 KWH.)	15,732	8,258	81,359	68,761

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
November, 1947	5,754	413	151,831	9,659
November, 1946	4,458	266	129,470	11,911
11 Months ended November, 1947	91,267	4,325	971,312	110,759
11 Months ended November, 1946	84,253	3,552	895,074	147,083

